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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Chief, Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM:

J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief, History Staff

SUBJECT:

Opening of OSS Records to the Public at the National
Archives

1. Alan Thompson, Chief of the Records Declassification Division at the National Archives, has informed me that they now expect to be able to open the first batch of our OSS records to the public on 11 June 1984. This is about four months earlier than their earlier estimate for my 2 May 1984 report to the DCI on the status of our transfer of these records. The first batch in question is about 200 cubic feet, out of the total of around 3000 cubic feet that we shall transfer in increments over the next year.

2. I've discussed this new timetable with George Lauder, and he is coordinating the public announcement with the National Archives' public affairs officer, Jill Merrill. Since the National Archives does not want to be overwhelmed with researchers, we have agreed that they need only notify the media and the appropriate scholarly journals.

3. In light of the pending FOIA relief bill, however, the DCI may want to inform Congress when the first batch is actually opened that CIA has begun the transfer of all of its declassified OSS records to the National Archives.

4. If you think it useful, I would be glad to draft a letter for the DCI (perhaps directed again to Senator Durenberger) and send it along for you to use as you wish.

JS

J. Kenneth McDonald

Copy to: George Lauder, D/PAO

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